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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1381

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 13, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Public school transfers.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Karickhoff

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the governing body of a school corporation to establish the number of transfer students the school corporation has the capacity to accept in each school building and grade level. It requires the governing body to establish a date by which transfer requests must be received. The bill also provides that, with certain exceptions, a governing body may not deny a request to transfer from another school corporation to a school within the school corporation or between two schools within the school corporation for any reason other than capacity. It requires the governing body to publish the deadline for transfer requests on the school corporation's Internet web site and to report the deadline to the department of education.

The bill requires the Department of Education to publish school corporations' transfer request deadlines on the department's Internet web site.

The bill provides that if the number of transfer requests a school corporation receives exceeds the school's capacity, admissions must be determined by a random drawing at a public meeting. It allows a governing body to limit the number of transfers to a particular school building or grade level to ensure that a student who has already transferred to a school may continue attending the same school and to allow the members of the same household as a transfer student to attend a particular school.

The bill allows a governing body to deny a request for a student to transfer, or to establish terms and conditions for enrollment that prevent a student from enrolling, if the student was suspended in the twelve months preceding the student's request to transfer:

1. For 10 or more school days;
2. For causing a physical injury;

3. For possession of a firearm; or
4. For a violation of drug or alcohol rules.

The bill provides that for purposes of determining a school's graduation rate, if a student would be unable to graduate on time, the student shall be included in the cohort for students in the transferee school who are in the current grade level as the transferring student.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The posting of transfer request deadlines on the Department of Education's Internet web site should have minimal fiscal impact.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: There could be some minor cost in developing the school corporation's capacity to accept transfer students by school building and grade level within each school building. Any additional expense would be done within the school's existing revenue resources.

The publishing the transfer request deadline on the school corporation's Internet web site, and reporting the date to the Department of Education should have minor impact.

Background: According to the Department of Education there were 57,367 students that had 10 or more days of unexcused absences during the last school year.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Schools.

Information Sources: Depart of Education databases.

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